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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1634**

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In re U.S. National Phase of International)
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DETECTING AND MEASURING)
SPECIFIC NUCLEIC ACID)
SEQUENCES)

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In reply to the Final Office Action dated July 13, 2010, the period for response having been extended to January 13, 2010, by a request for extension of three months and fee payment paid concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

Attachments are include twelve (12) sheets of drawings (Figures 1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 4C, 5, 6A, 6B, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11).